## Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP

Horseback Riding

National Park Service

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## **Preparation and Parking:**

Please stop by the park visitor center for information and a trail map before you ride. Remember to carry water because the only source for drinkable water on the battlefield is at the visitor center. For your safety, check the weather forecast before beginning your ride. Horse trailers may be parked in the gravel lot at the west end of Dyer Road. This is the only area where horse trailers are allowed inside the park.

## On the Trails:

The horse trails are marked with *red*, *blue* and *white* blazes. Riders are required to stay on these designated trails. The *red* trail is the loop trail and is 7.68 miles, while the *white* trail cuts the *red* trial in half, for a trail of 5.41 miles. The *blue* trail is a connector trail and is .74 mile long. All other trails are CLOSED to horses. Horses are not permitted on park roads or in historic fields unless they are marked as designated horse trails. Those riders found in undesignated areas will be fined. Please ride in single file only and be mindful of hikers passing by. The only restrooms located in the park are at the visitor center. Please remember, the park closes at dusk, and you should be off the trails by that time. If you have an emergency, call 911.

## **Leave No Trace Guidelines:**

Do not tie horses directly to trees, use the hitching posts provided. This prevents bark damage. Hobble horses prone to pawning. Allow horses only dry feed for a day before riding in order to keep manure drier and to attract fewer insects. If food is necessary for your horse while riding, the horse should be fed from a nosebag. Please use only weed free grain or processed feed pellets to avoid introducing foreign weeds into the park. Upon your departure, please pack up any and all trash and leave what you find.

